

**JAMUL DULZURA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
FINAL MINUTES
Tuesday, November 8, 2011
Approved December 13, 2011
Oak Grove Middle School Library
7:30 pm**

1. **Call to Order:** Michael Casinelli called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:**
Present: Michael Casinelli, Dan Neirinckx, Yvonne Purdy-Luxton, Randy White, Dan Kjonegaard, Dale Fuller, Preston Brown, Jean Strouff, Earl Katzer, Steve Wragg, Ray Deitchman and Bill Herde
Absent: None
Excused: Judy Bohlen, Janet Mulder and Jonathan Shultz
3. **Motion to approve the Agenda for November 8, 2011 as posted 72 hours before the meeting and the minutes of October 25, 2011 as corrected.**
Correction-Addition: Item 6, Steve Wragg said, “Why not have them come back when Fish & Game and Bob Smith are ready to make their presentation”?
Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Open Forum - Opportunity for public to speak on any item not on the agenda,**
 - a. **Dana Mottola** announced that there would be a nationwide test of the Emergency Preparedness System at 11 a.m. (PST).
 - b. **Dana Mottola** had called the County requesting to know the date that the Community Evacuation Route Study would be presented to the Board of Supervisors and had not received any response. **Dan Kjonegaard** told the group that when the report is completed and was scheduled for the Board presentation he would announce it.
5. **Traffic Recertification of Proctor Valley Rd. southerly to Calla Buena Ganar – Michael Casinelli.** Ray Deitchmam had in the past spoken to Traffic Engineering at the DPW regarding the placement of additional stop signs at the intersection of Proctor Valley Rd. and Melody Rd. and the possibility of reducing the speed limit on Proctor Valley Rd. At this point **Michael Casinelli** introduced **Kenton Jones**, DPW Unit Manager, Traffic Engineering Group who explained the survey process for recertification, which occurs every 7 years. **Kenton** explained how the ‘blind study’ is conducted; during a given time period a traffic count is conducted, a radar gun is used to establish the average speed, a review of all reported traffic accidents, and observe conditions not readily apparent to drivers. The state legislature establishes the guidelines that the municipalities are to use in setting speed limits based on this ‘blind study’; one of the guidelines that the speed limit should be set at 85% of the average speed. The County does have option to lower a speed limit, but if a person who is cited goes to court over it, a judge will throw out the citation because it does not follow the state guidelines for establishing speed limits.

Randy White asked, are lack of sidewalks taken into account when speeds are set? **Kenton** stated that items like that are taken into account at the time of the review. **Randy** asked how do you go about having a stop sign placed at an intersection? **Kenton** stated that this process goes through the Traffic Advisory Committee. This committee is comprised of representatives of law enforcement officers from various commands throughout the county, representatives of automobile insurance companies and Department of Public Works. The placement of a stop sign is based on traffic count and reported accidents at that intersection; it is not a tool to be used to regulate speed. **Michael Casinelli** asked how a person could get a 55 MPH sign placed on Skyline Truck Trail, as a reminder that traffic should slow down? **Kenton** said that he should call him to start the process. **Yvonne Purdy-Luxton** asked where people might be able to get a sign that would state, 'equestrian crossing'. **Kenton** told her that the County does not sell signs and also, that a private party cannot install a sign within the public right of way; it needs to be placed on private property.

6. **Honey Springs Ranch (Dept. of Fish & Game) Use of Water – Randy White**
Michael Casinelli sent two letters to **James Bennett**, County Hydrologist on 10/31 and 11/5 and had not receive any reply. (Letters are attached here and made a part of these minutes.)

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October 31, 2011

County of San Diego
Department of Planning and Land Use
5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B
San Diego, CA 92123-1666

Attn: James Bennett, County Hydrologist

Dear Mr. Bennett,

At a recent meeting of the Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group (JDCPG), concerned residents raised the subject of ground water usage by the California State Department of Fish and Game (DFG). The California DFG has plans to use ground water for recreational purposes, in particular for dog training ponds within the Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area.

From a review of the DFG's Management Plan, it would appear that only the San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation made comment on the proposed plan. Ground water usage has been a long-term concern of the Planning Group and local residents. The concerned residents live nearby the well(s), which are proposed to supply the water for the ponds, and believe that the draw down associated with the ponds will adversely affect their domestic water usage.

It is requested that your office provide to the JDCPG any comments made by your office on the afore-mentioned DFG Management Plan. If no comments were previously provided, it is requested that a review of the ground-water draw down be made by your office and that the review be provided to the Planning Group and the DFG.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Your input is critical to the proper usage of ground water within the County of San Diego.

Respectfully,
(signed)

Michael Casinelli
Chair, JDCPG

cc: Supervisor Dianne Jacob

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November 5, 2011

County of San Diego
Department of Planning and Land Use
5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B
San Diego, CA 92123-1666

Attn: James Bennett, County Hydrologist

Dear Mr. Bennett:

This is a follow-up to a letter to the one sent to you, dated 31 October 2011, regarding proposed groundwater usage by the California State Department of Fish and Game (DFG) for recreational purposes, in particular for dog training ponds within the Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area. The Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group (JDCPG) requested that I send you the following supplemental information regarding groundwater usage and limitations within our area of the County.

Please be advised that the DFG have likewise proposed similar dog training ponds for the former Honey Springs Ranch area, once the dog training ponds within the Hollenbeck Canyon Wildlife Area have been completed. Please note that the JDCPG has received voiced concerns from residents regarding the subject of groundwater usage by the California State Department of Fish and Game (DFG) for the Honey Springs area, as well.

Furthermore, please note that much of our Jamul Dulzura area is not served by Otay Water District, and therefore the long-term use of groundwater is of grave concern to our backcountry residents, as many are dependent upon groundwater for their very existence.

May we suggest that the water study completed in regard to the proposed development of Honey Springs Ranch by Presenting, Inc., several years ago, may provide some interesting information for you to review. In addition, the JDCPG is available to answer any questions you may have and to provide any information, if needed, regarding groundwater concerns in our area.

Respectfully,
(signed)
Michael Casinelli
Chair, JDCPG

cc: Supervisor Dianne Jacob

Randy White will be meeting with **Tracie Nelson**, Dept. of Fish & Game and **Bob Smith**, representing the San Diego Wildlife Federation and the North American Hunting Dog Training Association, on November 11, 2011 at the Honey Springs Ranch site. At this meeting both **Tracie** and **Bob** will be asked to identify the actual locations of the two proposed ponds. **Randy** stated that in all of DFG correspondence it refers to the pond placement in Hollenbeck Canyon, when actually their proposed locations are on Honey Springs Ranch, part of the Hollenbeck Canyon Preserve. Additionally, in the CEQA document there is no mention of a second pond. **Dale Fuller** asked if there was an existing pond. **Randy** said, no. **Steve Wragg** asked what CEQA document the mention of the pond was in. **Randy**, it was contained in the Negative Declaration dated 2006 and only one pond was included in that document. **Randy** stated that DFG owns the well and they control it, at

this point he suggested that we should form a subcommittee soon and he feels this process could take 2 to 3 years to resolve. **Dan Neirinckx** read through the CEQA document and said that the only comment was made by County Parks & Recreation Dept. **Mike Spurgeon**, neighbor to the site, said that the area is now being stocked with birds for shooting.

7. **Forest Conservation Initiative / General Plan Revisions - Dan Neirinckx**, spoke to **Bob Citrano** with DPLU regarding the three areas affected in the Planning Group area and let him know that the CPG wanted to speak to the owners of the property before making any recommendation. The Forest Conservation Initiative has expired and has reverted to its previous zoning and the DPLU is suggesting that it be brought into the General Plan with the same land use designation as the adjacent properties.

The locations and DPLU recommendations are:

1. The north-east ridge of Deerhorn Valley, change to SR10
2. North-east corner of the planning area, east of Barrett Lake (an island), change to RL 40
3. Lyons Valley Rd. east of four corners, change to RL 20

A letter will be mailed to property owners of record by the DPLU advising them of their plans for rezoning. Also to let the owners know DPLU will be in attendance at the JDCPG meeting scheduled for January 24, 2012 to answer any questions they may have and solicit provide the owners contact information so the CPG can also contact them.

8. **Jamul Indian Village Casino Update – Michael Casinelli** read the letter he had received from Laurie Berman, Director of Caltrans in answer to his October 6, 2011 letter. (Copy of letter **attached at the end** and made a part of these minutes.)

Michael said he would contact her office and schedule a meeting and request a copy of the settlement agreement mentioned in the letter. **Marcia Spurgeon** reported that she had been told that a 3–4 story building was going to be constructed. Also that after the first of the year Jamul Village representatives would be meeting with members of the community to discuss their plans.

9. **JDCPG Officers Announcements and Reports;**

- a. **VAR 11-012**, George Galindo property owner, 14622 Lyons Valley Rd. parcel 519-260-59-00, proposed addition in setback
- b. **TPM 21189**, Edward & Barbara Blanchard property owners, 14560 Lyons Valley Rd. parcel 519-260-09-00, parcel split (2.1 acres)
- c. **Ray Deitchman** asked if SDG&E had contacted the planning group regarding their plans for the proposed electric substation. **Michael Casinelli** said that he had not and that he would contact them for an update .

ADJOURNMENT:

Michael Casinelli adjourned the meeting **8:40 PM**, reminding us that the next regular meeting is **December 13, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. at OAK GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

NOTE: NO MEETING ON THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER DUE TO HOLIDAYS

Minutes taken by Dan Kjongejaard, JDCPG member.

LETTER FROM CALTRANS ATTACHED HERE:

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Mr. Michael Casinelli, Chairman
Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group P.O.
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Jamul, CA 91935

Dear Mr. Casinelli:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) appreciates receiving your letter dated October 6, 2011, on behalf of the Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group (JDCPG). The letter is in regards to the current construction activities taking place on land held in trust by the United States for the benefit of the Jamul Indian Village (Tribe). Caltrans is aware of the conflicting reports as to what is being built. We encourage you to contact the Tribe for further clarification.'

Caltrans is also aware of the Tribe's interest to develop a gaming facility. To address the traffic impacts of any Class II or Class III gaming facility, the Tribe has committed to follow Caltrans' encroachment permit procedures that include compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. Upon request, we will provide you a copy of the settlement agreement that outlines the Tribe's commitment. In that agreement, Caltrans acknowledged the Tribe's historic traffic volumes that Caltrans staff has analyzed to have an impact level associated with approximately 20 homes.

Caltrans is happy to meet with representatives of the JDCPG. To set up a meeting and for further information, please contact Gus Silva, Tribal Liaison at (619) 688-6807, Of gustaf.silva@dot.ca.gov

Sincerely,
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LAURIE BERMAN District
Director

c: Supervisor Dianne Jacob, County of San Diego
Gus Silva, Native American Liaison, Caltrans District 11